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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND KOUNTCHE TO BAMAKO

REF: DAKAR 1016

1. PRESIDENTS SENGHOR OF SENEGAL AND KOUNTCHE OF NIGER ARRIVED IN BAMAKO MORNING OF FEBRUARY 17 AND DEPARTED BAMAKO FEBRUARY 18 FOR OUAGADOUGOU. ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO REVITALIZE CEAO AND ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE. IN TERSE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE BOTH PRESIDENTS CHARACTERIZED THEIR DISCUSSIONS HERE AS "POSITIVE" AND EXPRESSED GUARDED OPTIMISM ON BOTH ISSUES.

2. AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE, FRENCH AMBASSADOR DALLIER SAID THAT THE FRONTIER SITUATION REMAINED DANGEROUS SINCE ALTHOUGH THE MALIANS HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR FORCES OF OCCUPATION OF THE DISPUTED AREA, THEY CONTINUE TO SEND PATROLS INTO IT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SENGHOR HAD TOLD PRESIDENT TRAORE THAT HE WOULD URGE PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TO RE-OPEN THE BORDER BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE PRESENT LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FAMILIES LIVING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER GAVE RISE TO ALL KINDS OF RUMORS AS TO WHAT WAS GOING ON IN BOTH COUNTRIES. SENGHOR ALSO APPARENTLY URGED TRAORE TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES FROM  
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THE DISPUTED AREA. STILL ACCORDING TO DALLIER, TRAORE

SAID HE WOULD WITHDRAW HIS FORCES, STOP SENDING PATROLS INTO THE AREA, AND COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY AND SOCIAL SUB-COMMISSIONS IF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA WOULD RE-OPEN THE BORDER AND GIVE ASSURANCES TO PRESIDENTS SENGHOR AND KOUNTCHE THAT UPPER-VOLTANS WOULD CEASE HARASSMENT OF MALIANS IN UPPER VOLTA.

3. SENGHOR AND KOUNTCHE, ACCORDING TO DALLIER, WILL CARRY THIS PROPOSITION TO PRESIDENT LAMIZANA.

4. ON CEAQ, TRAORE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT MALI WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT MEETING OF CEAQ PROVIDED ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE MOVED AWAY FROM OUAGADOUGOU.

5. COMMENT: DALLIER IS USUALLY VERY WELL INFORMED, BUT I HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING.  
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